

## North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services

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## **MEMORANDUM**

TO: LME Directors

FROM: Mike Moseley

RE: Projected Increase in CAP-MR/DD Virtual Allocation

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As was noted in the memo dated Feb.2, 2006, Enhanced Services Implementation Update #2, the Division of Mental Health/Developmental Disabilities/Substance Abuse Services (DMH/DD/SAS) and the Division of Medical Assistance (DMA) have submitted a technical amendment to the CAP-MR/DD waiver to increase the number of people by two-thousand (2,000) that can be served by the waiver as one strategy to address the emergency situation created by the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare (CMS) decision to eliminate Community Based Service (CBS) and not to approve Developmental Therapy. The purpose of this memo is to provide the projected increase in your local virtual CAP-MR/DD allocation to address the needs of those individuals who are currently receiving CBS and have been identified as potentially eligible for ICF-MR level of care. Attached you will find your projected increase as a result of the expansion of the waiver.

As you move forward in bringing those identified onto the waiver please note the following:

• In order to address the emergency situation created by the CMS decision, regardless of the plan or process that your LME has developed to prioritize the use of waiver funding allocations, the only people that shall be added to the waiver at this time are Medicaid eligible consumers currently receiving CBS. If a consumer had already been identified (and informed of the intent) to bring into the waiver, and was in process of final determination of level of care, the LME should continue to process that individual onto the waiver. In addition, LMEs/case managers working with individuals residing at the developmental centers and in the process of transition planning to move to the community with CAP supports should continue with this process. However, as noted above, the intent is that only individuals that are Medicaid eligible consumers currently receiving CBS are to be added at this time. A statement must be included within the MR2 packet submitted to the Developmental Center that clearly documents the reason that a packet on an individual not currently receiving CBS is being submitted.



- Although the information that was provided by your LME in December as to who was currently receiving CBS and was potentially ICF-MR level of care was used as a basis for determining the number of additional slots needed to support individuals who fall into this category, this did not commit or limit you to bring only those individuals on your list into the waiver. Some of these individuals may no longer be receiving CBS, while other qualifying individuals may not have appeared on the list. However, it is a requirement that you submit to the Division the Medicaid Identification Number (MID) on each consumer that you will serve with the additional allocation. Due to HIPAA regulations please do not send any other consumer identifying information. This information should be submitted to Kent Woodson via email upon MR2 approval.
- It is critical, given the timeframe of bringing these individuals onto the waiver by March 20, 2006, that you begin now to review and prioritize those individuals who fall within this category. If it is determined that your need is greater than the projected allocation please contact Kent Woodson as soon as possible to determine availability of additional funding. Justification of need for additional funding will be required to be submitted to Kent as well. Likewise, if you should determine that your initial allocation exceeds your requirements, please contact Kent as soon as possible so the Division can reallocate the resources to meet the needs of other individuals.
- Information has been previously provided on how we will process MR2s on an expedited basis in order to quickly qualify people for waiver eligibility. Please continue to work with case management provider agencies and your local approval staff to submit MR2 packets to the assigned Developmental Center as soon as possible.

If you have additional questions or concerns regarding the allocation or reporting of MID numbers, please contact Kent Woodson at 919-733-7013 or <a href="mailto:kent.woodson@ncmail.net">kent.woodson@ncmail.net</a>.

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